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Vacancy Announcements

Honolulu District

Paul Mizue -- CEPOH-PP-C

Honolulu District has one vacancy, GS-xxx-12, Interdisciplinary (0801, 0808, 0810, 0819, 0830, 0850, 0896 series eligible) for a Project Manager principally in the Interagency/International Services (IIS) but also in the Civil Works areas. The District's workload is small but rewarding; we have projects servicing small communities in Hawaii, Guam, Northern Marianas, and American Samoa. Individual responsible for managing plan formulation, scheduling, budgeting, customer interface, report preparation, upward reporting, heading up PDT, assuring contract awards, managing during construction. Office is at Fort Shafter, an Army installation in Honolulu vicinity - parking no problem. TDY is required, normally 1 to 10 days. Deployment up to 30 days for emergency recovery operations possible. Great island atmosphere and friendly people. COLA 25% tax free of Uncle Sam, but State taxable. No locality pay which adds to base pay. Relocation payable, if selected. IIS work varied, some related to CW navigation functions, other independent, such as studies and engineering for roads, walks, and utilities for non-DoD Federal, State, and local agencies. CW is mainly navigation and shore protection, but some flood control and ecosystem work. Studies and construction - workload in range of \$20 M - \$30 M per year in IIS

(mostly one large project), \$10 M -\$20 M in CW. Currently 11 PM positions handling CW and IIS type work in the Branch.

Please look for the Job Vacancy Announcement in the near future. Resumix application procedures found on the website -click on Hawaii location: <http://cpol.army.mil/>

North Atlantic Division, Directorate of Civil Works and Management

Sam Tosi – CENAD-CM-PP

The North Atlantic Division is a Civil Works and Military Division with one of the Corps largest and most diverse CW programs, including five of the nation's oldest and largest deep draft navigation harbors, flood control, storm and hurricane protection, ecosystem restoration, and an extensive shallow draft navigation system. The Division's area of responsibility for the CW program encompasses all or part of 14 states and the District of Columbia; the Division's military program boundaries are similar to, but not exactly the same as CW's boundaries, and they also include Europe District.

The following vacancy in the Planning and Policy Division has been announced:

Plan Formulation Specialist, Interdisciplinary GS-14: (GS-0020, Community Planner; GS 0110, Economist; GS-0150, General Biological Scientists; GS-0408, General Engineer; GS-0807, Landscape Architect; GS-0810, Civil Engineer; GS-0819, Environmental Engineer; GS-1301 General Physical Scientist; GS-1350).

This position will serve as the MSC regional senior expert on plan formulation and policy for water resources projects, providing expert planning consultation and guidance to five districts, and by insuring the Quality Assurance of decision documents and appropriate Civil Works policy compliance. Serves on regional and national task forces and forums on planning capability and water resource issues. Location: Ft. Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York.


If you are interested in this challenging and rewarding position, be sure to provide your Resumix information to the North East Civilian Personnel Operations Center (CPOC) in response to the vacancy announcement. Please call Mr. Samuel P. Tosi at 718-765-7070, Chief of Planning and Policy Division if you have any questions or need additional information.

New Watershed Planning Report

Joy Muncy – CEIWR-MD

Improving Watershed Planning and Management Through Integration: A Critical Review of Federal Opportunities, IWR Report 02-R-6 (Cole, Planning and Management Consultants, Ltd), is a literature-based review of watershed planning issues and constraints, practices, and policies of Federal resource agencies other than the Corps. The report emphasizes the watershed planning and management experience of several Federal resource agencies and how they interact with the Corps project planning. Land management, water resource, and regulatory agencies were examined to see where opportunities for


effective watershed planning and management could be integrated into a watershed framework for the Corps to employ. Critical insights were obtained from four Corps District focus group panels pertaining to the results of the framework, and these are also presented in this report.

This report was developed under the Investment and Management Decision Making Research Program, part of the Integrated Technologies for Decision Making research area managed by the Institute for Water Resources (IWR). The report is available on IWR's Web site – <http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil>. If you have any questions regarding this article, please contact Joy Muncy, CEIWR-MD, joy.d.muncy@usace.army.mil, and (703) 428-6009. 

Planning References CD

Joy Muncy – CEIWR-MD

The Planning Reference CD is everything you need all in one CD. Well, not quite, but it's a good start. The *Planning References CD, IWR CD-03-1* contains many, if not all, of the planning documents and reports pertaining to Corps planning studies. It contains the following: Civil Works Pocket Reference, COE Business Process, Environmental Desk Reference, Planning Guidance, Planning Manual, Planning Primer, Policy Digest, Principles and Guidelines, Procedures for Implementing NEPA, Project Partnership Kit, Regulations for Implementing NEPA, Other Planning and Policy Regulations, and Water Resources Development Acts (1976-2000). This CD also contains links to the Corps Headquarters Planning and Policy Division, the Planners Website, and Publications of the Headquarters.

Copies of the Planning References CD were shipped to all Planning Chiefs of each Corps Division and District earlier this month. Did you receive your copy? If not, please check with your Planning Chief. If your office ran short of the CD's, please contact Joy Muncy at IWR by email at: joy.d.muncy@usace.army.mil. 

ASFPM St Louis Meeting – May 2003


[The Editor](#) – CECW-PG

The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) is having a conference in May that may be of interest to Corps analysts. For many years the Corps and floodplain managers have had cooperative and collegial affiliations. Of late, however, it seems to this editor that ASFPM has tilted toward an anti-economic development, anti-growth stance by proposing local land use management schemes that amount to a land use command system. ASFPM's *No Adverse Impact* program also has an implicit environmental bias. Whether or not these apparent ASFPM changes will affect the way its programs harmonize with the Corps, which continues to strive for balance, remains to be seen. Corps folks attending the ASFPM conference can provide a service to fellow analysts by submitting conference related articles for possible publication in *Planning Ahead*.

Below is the text of an announcement ASFPM has asked be placed in *Planning Ahead*.

“The Association of State Floodplain Managers urges all persons who work toward reducing flood losses in the nation to attend an essential training opportunity -- the national floodplain managers conference May 11-16, 2003 in St. Louis, Missouri. The theme "Lessons Learned: Gateway to Flood

Mitigation" will be followed closely throughout this week-long event as we commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Great Midwest Floods of 1993.


The conference brochure, registration forms and hotel information are now posted on the ASFPM website, you can see them by clicking here <http://www.floods.org/stlouis>. You will also find other instructions, sponsorship information, and links to exciting things to see and do in St. Louis. Early discount for registration applies until April 1.” 

Census Data

[The Editor](#) -- CECW-PG


Remember the 2000 Census long form? Well, finally your personal data has all been published. Just kidding. Actually, it's been out since last May. Maybe this is why you're getting all those credit card offers. Still mostly kidding.

Data from the long form includes such variables as population, income, housing characteristics, housing value, employment, education, poverty, ancestry, commute to work, etc. For a complete list of variables computed by one private vendor that provides the data go to [GeoLytics](#) (this is not an endorsement of GeoLytics). Data is available from the Nation down to Tract, Zip code and the Block Group level. For example, there are 5,500 variables available at the Block Group level, and an additional 11,000 are available at the Tract level and above.

You can read about available Census data at the [US Census Bureau](#) or at various vendors like [GeoLytics](#) (still not an endorsement) that repackage it, sometimes combined with useful software, mapping, and analytic capabilities. 

Instructions for Contributors to Planning Ahead


This newsletter is designed to improve the communication among all the planners and those we work with throughout the Corps. We hope that future editions will have mostly information and perspective from those of you on the front lines in the districts. We hope that these notes become a forum for you to share your experiences to help all of us learn from each other. We can't afford to reinvent the wheel in each office. We welcome your thoughts, questions, success stories, and bitter lessons so that we can share them on these pages. The articles should be short (2-3 paragraphs) except in some cases where you just have to say more.

- Use MS WORD
- Use "normal" style
- Use Times New Roman font, 11 point
- All text should be left justified with start of each paragraph indented by one tab stop.
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- Following each title should be author's name and organization
- Last line should be contact information – phone number or e-mail address 

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Submissions Deadline

The deadline for material for the next issue is 24 March 2003.

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